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Marshmallows on sticks
at the cabin in Lanaudière,
rusty metal barrel
at night our children
roasting marshmallows
by a boulder, raccoons
35 rue Lépine, Saint-Calixte
Lac des Artistes
steep gravel road, bullfrogs
fetching source water
walking in the forest.

At night when we sleep in this hut
long-tailed grey wood mouse,
builds a nest for a litter
of six blind babies
mouse mother hides from us
she, who eats the raw potatoes
she, who owns my country kitchen
behind the black iron stove
he saves her,
pups in her mouth
lets her bring them to safety.

Where should I hide
from his fists?

Wild raspberries, blue irises.

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